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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

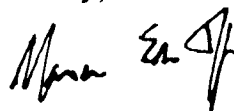
I believe that the recent settlement negotiated between the Department of Justice and Microsoft is a fair one, if indeed this suit ought to have been brought at all. I am writing this to express my appreciation for your having taken the logical step to settle it. I hope at the end of January this settlement will be enacted.

There are so many other more important things about which we should be concerned. Any further efforts to cripple one of our country's most successful companies ought not be on that list.

I am hopeful that this settlement signals the end of hostilities between our government and American business. Microsoft has shown some leeway in this issue. They have agreed to license their Windows at the same price. They have also agreed to disclose some of the interfaces to its competitors. Let's concentrate on those things that are necessary rather than those grudge matches that seem to indicate a lack of national resolve.

MICROSOFT HAS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE IN OUR
BURGEONING Economy. GIVE THEM SOME SLACK.

Sincerely,



Marion Evans Jeffers
and
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